

Long Term Recovery Planning - A PROCESS

Long-Term refers to the need to re-establish a healthy, functioning community that will sustain itself over time.

The process will allow for the identification of a post-disaster vision

It involves bringing communities together to focus on their long-term recovery issues and needs then develop projects and strategies to address those needs.

“Ideally the disaster recovery process is one where the community proactively manages:

- Recovery and redevelopment decisions to balance competing interests so constituents are treated equitably and long-term community benefits are not sacrificed for short term individual gains
- Multiple financial resources to achieve broad based support for holistic activities
- Reconstruction and redevelopment opportunities to enhance economic and community vitality
- Environmental and natural resources opportunities to enhance natural functions and maximize community benefits, and
- Exposure to risk to a level that is less than what it was before the disaster” *(mitigation – risk reduction)

(*source: Holistic Disaster-Recovery: Ideas for Building Local Sustainability after a Natural Disaster)

The planning process should establish a blueprint for community recovery after a disaster. It should be viewed as an action oriented planning tool, a strategic blueprint for community recovery to be used as a decision making tool for community resources, funding and priorities.

The most effective focus is on the active process of analysis and refinement to continually move the community toward the collective vision.



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LONG-TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY (LTCR)

Summary of Rebuild Iowa Office/FEMA joint efforts to date

For

Long-term Community Recovery Task Force Meeting

October 24, 2008

PROCESS

- LTCR assistance ***helps communities collectively identify their long-term recovery vision.***
- LTCR ***utilizes systematic approaches to provide guidance to communities in identifying disaster-related projects, programs and initiatives that are specific to the community's vision for its long-term recovery.*** These are called LTCR Projects, Programs, and Initiatives.
- LTCR helps communities identify and coordinate resources and funding sources for the implementation of LTCR Projects, Programs or Initiatives.
- LTCR support can range from providing guidance to the community for a self-initiated long-term recovery process, to making recovery professionals available to local communities, to providing planning support and guidance.

A systematic review of both impacts to a community and the capacity to recover within a community was undertaken. That process identifies 10 communities considered to have an appropriate situation for LTCR process engagement. Different levels of LTCR assistance requirement were identified within these 10 communities based on a closer analysis of ongoing Federal/State/local recovery activities. After consultation with community officials, joint RIO/FEMA LTCR teams or individuals have been working within the communities as of the first of September.

COMMUNITY SUMMARY

CEDAR FALLS (Black Hawk County) Population – 37,583

LTCR STATUS:

- LTCR Technical Advisor is providing assistance jointly to both Cedar Falls and Waterloo through a regional initiative.
- LTCR Technical Advisor is providing coordination with INRCOG to re-engage and facilitate a planning process for the *Cedar River Initiative*, engaging stakeholders in a dialog to review and confirm relevance of pre-flood Vision and Goals in the post-flood environment.



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- LTCR Technical Advisor is acting as a liaison to *North Cedar Falls Visioning Committee* as they develop a strategy to promote business and housing growth north of the River and further away from flood prone areas.

NEXT STEPS

- Finalize a work program and a process with INRCOG to re-engage committee stakeholders in the *Cedar River Initiative*.
- Develop a strategy to incorporate Vision and appropriate recommendations from *North Cedar Falls Visioning Committee* into the *Cedar River Initiative*.

CEDAR RAPIDS (Linn County) Population – 124,417

LTCCR STATUS

- LTCCR Technical Advisor is identifying and coordinating resources and gathering information with Cedar Rapids administrative staff for several LTCCR related projects:
 - *Smart Growth/Sustainability Resources* initiative.
 - *Co-Generation Feasibility Study* and *Comprehensive Energy Plan*.
 - *Transportation Feasibility Study*.
 - *Small Business Loan Fund*.
- LTCCR Technical Advisor, in partnership with the City Manager, is coordinating a *Housing Workshop* and a *Transportation Workshop* with Federal, State, local and private representatives to investigate programs and funding sources to support the City's recovery efforts and programs in these two (2) critical sectors.

NEXT STEPS

- Continue research and coordination of resources for identified LTCCR projects.
- Assist the City's Community Development Department staff in conducting a *Smart Growth* audit of the City's Zoning Ordinance.
- Coordinate program and identify resources for both the *Housing* and *Transportation* workshops.



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CORALVILLE (Johnson County) Population – 17,269

LTCR STATUS:

- LTCR Technical Advisor is providing assistance to both Coralville and Iowa City.
- LTCR Technical Advisor is coordinating with Coralville administrative staff to identify LTCR related projects.

NEXT STEPS

- Identify LTCR Projects and/or program opportunities and coordinate resources.

IOWA CITY (Johnson County) Population - 62,380

LTCR STATUS

- LTCR Technical Advisor is providing assistance jointly to both Iowa City and Coralville.
- LTCR Technical Advisor is coordinating with Iowa City administrative staff to identify LTCR-related projects.

NEXT STEPS

- Identify LTCR Projects and/or program opportunities and coordinate resources.

NEW HARTFORD (Butler County) Population – 659

LTCR STATUS

- LTCR Planning Team is assigned to New Hartford.
- Several resources/organizations are providing planning, coordination and facilitation assistance to the community: City of Dubuque and INRCOG; USDA is providing the funding for this planning.
- Community is about to begin a *Comprehensive Land Use Planning* process through INRCOG in which the LTCR Team will provide targeted planning, facilitation and design assistance to support the process.

NEXT STEPS

- Coordinate with INRCOG to finalize the LTCR role and schedule for value-added assistance in an existing *Comprehensive Land Use Planning* process.



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- Develop strategy to provide design concept alternatives to support community issues and needs.
- Prepare for October 6 *Stakeholder Meeting*.

OAKVILLE (Louisa County) Population - 468

LTCR STATUS

- LTCR Planning Team is assigned to Oakville and working with local *Vision Committee* to develop a road map for community recovery.
- Initial *Community Meeting* was held September 23.
 - Approximately 140 residents and former residents of Oakville, Eliot Township and the surrounding area came together in their flood-ravaged town to talk about how the community can begin to recover from the floods of May and June 2008.
 - Small group discussions identified key community ISSUES, NEEDS and ASSETS as a result of the flood.
 - More than 20 people volunteered to assist with developing a road map for community recovery.
- A *Community Workshop* is scheduled for October 18.

NEXT STEPS

- Coordinate with *Oakville Vision Committee* on next steps to build a committee/task force structure to address specific recovery issues.
- Using a public-input process, define a vision for Oakville's future.
- Prepare strategy and program for *Community Workshop* scheduled for October 18.
- Identify and develop LTCR Projects critical to Oakville's recovery.

PALO (Linn County) Population – 950

LTCR STATUS

- LTCR Planning Team is assigned to Palo and working with Mayor and City Council to develop a road map for community recovery.
- LTCR Team attended *Palo Fun Day* on September 13, and staffed an informational tent. Residents were given an opportunity to talk to LTCR Team members about how the community can begin to recover from the floods of June 2008 and learn more about the FEMA/ESF #14 Long-Term Community Recovery (LTCR) process.
- Next community event is scheduled for October 18.



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NEXT STEPS

- Prepare program for local *Leadership Workshop* scheduled for October 2.
- Prepare program for *Community Event* scheduled for October 18.
- Coordinate with City Council and local stakeholder groups to identify and address specific recovery issues.
- Using a public-input process, define a vision for Palo's future.
- Identify and develop LTCR projects critical to Palo's recovery.

PARKERSBURG (Butler County) Population - 1,889

LTCR STATUS

- LTCR Planning Team is assigned to Parkersburg.
- Several resources/organizations are providing planning, coordination and facilitation assistance to the community: University of Northern Iowa-*Institute for Decision Making* (UNI-IDM, INRCOG, Iowa State University and Don Temeyer; USDA is providing the funding for this planning.
- Community has begun a *Community-Wide Visioning Process* through UNI-IDM and INRCOG in which the LTCR Team will provide targeted assistance to support the process.

NEXT STEPS

- Coordinate with UNI-*Institute for Decision Making* to determine specific facilitation and support role at the October 15 *Stakeholder (Vision Team) Meeting*.
- Assist local officials, groups and organizations to recognize the importance of coordination, collaboration and leveraging of resources.
- Prepare *LTCR Project Development Tool* to assist local community in the development of LTCR Projects for implementation and coordination of resources.

WATERLOO (Black Hawk County) Population - 66,387

See Cedar Falls (above) for description of coordinated activities between Waterloo and Cedar Falls. LTCR Assistance is jointly provided for both Cedar Falls and Waterloo based on a regional initiative.

WAVERLY (Bremer County) Population – 9,000

LTCR STATUS

- LTCR Planning Team is assigned to Waverly.



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- LTCR Planning Team is coordinating with local officials about an appropriate level of recovery planning assistance in conjunction with existing plans.
- LTCR Planning Team is coordinating with INRCOG on their process to update the local *Hazard Mitigation Plan*.
- LTCR Planning Team facilitated *Housing Stakeholders Meeting* on September 30 to identify local housing issues and needs.

NEXT STEPS

- Finalize recovery planning process, strategy and timeline.
- Confirm date for Community Meeting (possibly October 9).
- Coordinate with City Council and local stakeholder groups to identify and address specific recovery issues.
- Using a public-input process, confirm the vision for Waverly's future.